

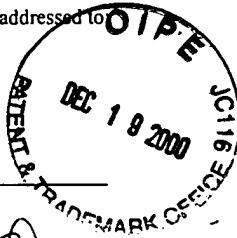
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 08/905,508

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Examiner: Lisa B. Arthur

Art Unit: 1655

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2000, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendment and remarks. Enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the time for response for three months from September 16, 2000, to December 16, 2000.

Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner confirm that the art cited in the IDS submitted in the parent application (Serial No. 08/783,729) was also considered in the present application, pursuant to MPEP § 609. A copy of the IDS was provided to the Examiner in Applicants' submission filed January 19, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows.